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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board of Regents approved this program conditionally at its meeting on June 24, 2004, stipulating that the University provide a progress report before implementation. The program filed this report, and the Board accepted it on December 9, 2004. The LSBN then approved the program for implementation in Spring 2005. Thereafter, what remained for the University to report annually to the Regents was its progress toward NLNAC accreditation. To that end, it submitted a second progress report in October 2005, which the Board accepted on December 8, 2005. The Regents stipulated that a third additional progress report be due August 1, 2006.

STAFF ANALYSIS

The University filed for NLNAC candidacy this past April and hopes to be awarded candidacy by Fall 2006. It has been notified by NLNAC that candidacy status should not be a problem. "However," the University was notified that it "may not be able to secure a Spring site visit because of NLNAC's site visit schedule." It has been notified that it is next on the list should there be a cancellation.

STAFF SUMMARY

The staff wishes the University success during its site visit, which the staff also hopes will occur this Spring. But as NLNAC accreditation is still pending, another progress report shall be due August 1, 2007.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Academic & Student Affairs Committee receive the AY 2005-06 Progress Report Relative to Implementation of the A.S. in Nursing at Southern University-Shreveport. On August 1, 2007, the University shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a progress report updating efforts of the University to attain NLNAC accreditation for the program.